



ORGANIZATIONS

There are countless organizations that advocate for the civic, educational, and social welfare of people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind in the state of Maryland. These associations take many forms and have reached many different people, not just deaf individuals. Those who have deaf friends and family members, professionals who work with deaf adults, and teachers of deaf children are all welcome and encouraged to use these resources.

These organizations range from religious groups with deaf and signing members, advocacy associations that seek to promote and fight for better accommodations and rights for the deaf community, as well as theater performances with deaf actors and interpreters.

Some organizations, such as NAD (National Association of the Deaf), advocate for the "right of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have its interests represented at the national level."

The Maryland Association of the Deaf works on a state level and "provides support to enhance the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing Marylanders, and increases social, civic, educational, and economic opportunities."

RESOURCES

State, Local, and National Organizations

Directory of Services: Organizations
Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
Maryland Association of the Deaf
National Association of the Deaf
The National Theatre of the Deaf
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf